REMARKS

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 8, and 9, all the claims

pending in the application, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over

Kodimer (U.S. Patent No. 5,781,192) in view of Goldstein (U.S. Patent Publication No.

2002/0143985). Applicants submit that the claims are patentable.

For example, independent claims 1 and 5 recite, in some variation, that other data stored

in the basic clipboard prior to said latest copied or cut data being stored in the basic clipboard is

automatically stored in the multi-clipboard in response to said latest copied or cut data being

stored in the basic clipboard. Independent claims 1 and 5 also recite, in some variation, that data

from the multi-clipboard is displayed when the amount of time counted by the timer reaches the

predetermined amount of time.

In the Response filed October 20, 2008, Applicants argued that the Examiner confusingly

asserts that Kodimer's new memory buffer changes from the claimed basic clipboard to the

multi-clipboard when new data is cut or copied therein. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner

clarifies his interpretation of Kodimer. Specifically, the Examiner refers to figures 6d and 8b

and poses a scenario in which the cut/copy command and the paste command in the claim are

interpreted as two separate commands. Specifically, the Examiner broadly interprets the claimed

basic clipboard and multi-clipboard to be separate buffers in separate applications of Kodimer.

Contrary to the recitations of independent claims 1 and 5, the Examiner's interpretation

of Kodimer relies upon a user manually copying and cutting data by using multiple commands

which are independent of one another. Thus, Kodimer does not teach or suggest that other data

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stored in the basic clipboard prior to said latest copied or cut data being stored in the basic

clipboard is <u>automatically</u> stored in the multi-clipboard <u>in response to</u> said latest copied or cut

data being stored in the basic clipboard.

      Moreover, Applicants submit that Kodimer and Goldstein do not teach or suggest that data

from the multi-clipboard is displayed <u>when</u> the amount of time counted by the timer reaches the

predetermined amount of time, as recited in some variation by independent claims 1 and 5. At

page 5 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Kodimer does not teach that

data displayed by the multi-clipboard executing unit is displayed if the paste menu is selected

after the amount of time counted by the timer is greater than a predetermined amount of time.

The Examiner contends that Goldstein cures this deficiency. In particular, the Examiner asserts

that Goldstein teaches various techniques for using a variety of timed sequences of keystrokes to

control a paste operation, including performing an operation <u>after a time has elapsed</u>.

      Here, the Examiner seems to interpret the claim language in an open ended manner, asserting

that Goldstein teaches that certain operations may occur <u>at any time</u> after a time period has elapsed.

However, Goldstein does not teach or suggest that data from the multi-clipboard is displayed <u>when</u>

the amount of time counted by the timer reaches the predetermined amount of time, as recited, in

some variation, by independent claims 1 and 5. Kodimer does not cure this deficiency. In the

interview conducted October 2, 2008, the Examiner seemed to acknowledge that Kodimer and

Goldstein do not teach the above feature of claims 1 and 5.

      Because Goldstein and Kodimer do not teach or suggest all of the features of independent

claims 1 and 5, Applicants submit that these claims are not rendered unpatentable by Kodimer
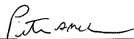
and Goldstein. Applicants also submit that claim 3, 8 and 9 are patentable at least by virtue of

their dependency on one of claims 1 and 5.

    In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed

to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is

kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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